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▶ An artist's rendering of the proposed casino complex adjacent to a refurbished B.C. Place.

Casino spurs coalition of the unwilling

◗ Vancouver Not Vegas mounts opposition to Edgewater expansion plans ◗ Public hearing set for tomorrow

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The only way the city can answer nagging questions about the planned mega-casino near B.C. Place is to say "no dice," according to a former mayoral candidate.

Peter Ladner is one of many prominent people and organizations from various walks of life who have joined the Vancouver Not Vegas coalition ahead of tomorrow's public hearing into the planned Edgewater Casino expansion.

He said there are too many concerns at the moment — from who is backing the project to problem gaming and the potential risk to taxpayers — for the project to be rushed through by city council.

"There are way too many unanswered questions on a project that will reshape the face of the downtown core," he said. "None of them have been answered and the only way to get the answers is for the city to say no."

The proposal features two hotels, a theatre and a cabaret, and would see the Edgewater Casino expand to 150 game tables from 65 and to 1,500 slots from 493.

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▶ An artist's rendering of the casino.

Councillors decided in January that the public needed more information after grilling staff on problem gambling, organized crime and other concerns.

Ladner said most members of the public have no idea of the full extent of the project's implications.

They'll have their chance to learn tomorrow at 7:30 p.m., when city hall hosts public hearings on the casino.

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Time's up for couch potatoes

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Memorial event planned for Delta teen

Last year's brazen murder of 15-year-old Laura Szendrei still touches a nerve in the community.

But her family and members of the Delta community are hoping a memorial walk scheduled for April 10 can help police find a break in the case and build something positive out of that horrific day Sept. 25.

"It's still really, really raw," said Brian White, chairman of the Walk, Run & Roll In Memory of Laura Szendrei. "As a parent, I still can't get my head around it. Kids are scared. Hockey players in Delta now wear LS on their helmets and the soccer team still wears their LS armbands. (The community) is hurting."

In addition to keeping Szendrei's memory fresh, proceeds from the walk will be put into a scholarship to help two Delta students pay for post-secondary education.

By yesterday afternoon, more than 1,700 people had confirmed their attendance on a Facebook event page.

To learn more or register, visit the walk's website at lswalkrunroll.com.

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▶ Laura Szendrei

Money. Talk

▶ Premier Gordon Campbell, right, looks on as Liberal Finance Minister Colin Hansen delivers the budget in the B.C. legislature in Victoria, yesterday.

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Budget gets handed down

Finance Minister Colin Hansen tabled a babysitter budget that comes with a $600-million allowance for the province's next premier. The finance minister went out of his way to describe the budget as a low-key financial statement that holds the line until the party chooses a new leader and premier on Feb. 26.

VPD honours heroic acts

VPD handed out certificates of merit to six groups for combined or individual heroic acts ◐ Four Unit Citations and five Chief Constable Commendations given to police officers, civilians who went beyond call of duty

It was after Marc Alfonso's best friend Andrew Dosji was tragically killed in a car crash in 2008 that he decided to get emergency training.

Alfonso, along with Daniel Sharma, Quisha Girard-Lau, Harvey Kirkpatrick, was among those honoured at a Vancouver Police Department ceremony recognizing the extraordinary acts of ordinary people and law officers.

The four were honoured for coming to the rescue of a man who had suffered a heart attack and crashed car into a utility pole last July.

Sharma saw the crash and rushed over, determined to help despite risk to himself.

Girard-Lau, trained as a lifeguard, removed the man from his car and performed CPR while Kirkpatrick, a Level 3 First Aid attendant, stabilized him.

Alfonso managed to insert an airway, administer oxygen, and shock the man's heart with a defibrillator using equipment that he has carried in his car since his friend's death.

"I learned that you are what you do when it counts," said Alfonso.

Alfonso describes the friend he lost as a giving person and said he will continue to live by his example.

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No love for texting drivers

On a day when most people were busy texting their sweethearts, police weren't showing much love to drivers with itchy fingers.

Nearly 200 drivers were caught using their handheld devices during an RCMP Valentine's Day enforcement blitz in the Lower Mainland.

Mounties say at least 196 charges were laid during the campaign, and that number will be higher once all the stats are calculated.

There have been almost 1,500 distracted driving-related charges laid in total this year.

The fine for using an electronic device without a hands-free tool while driving is $167.

MATT KIELTYKA

Ex-mayor apologizes to Pickton profiler

Former mayor Philip Owen has apologized to Kim Rossmo, a former profiler with the VPD, for statements about Rossmo's work during the Pickton investigation. Rossmo identified early on that a serial killer was involved in the deaths of Downtown Eastside women. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Notorious gangster gets 30 years

Clay Roueche, the 35-year-old founder of the United Nations Gang, was resentenced in a Seattle court to 30 years in a U.S. prison after he pleaded guilty to a number of drug charges. The decision overturns Roueche's appeal and restores an earlier sentence. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Olympic runner lost gold medal to car thief

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▶ Robert Esmie with the IOC official replica of his 1996 Olympic gold medal.

Offering home-cooked Jamaican meal, best friendship for its return

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Following a speaking engagement in 2006, Olympic gold-medallist Robert Esmie decided he'd stop for a few minutes to see a friend in Richmond.

By the time he got back, his car window had been smashed and the symbol of his life's greatest achievement had been taken away.

Esmie's gold medal from the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, along with his Olympic rings and tracksuits, was gone.

The Jamaican-born athlete won the gold as part of the legendary 4 x 100-metre relay team with fellow sprinters Glenroy Gilbert, Bruny Surin and Donovan Bailey.

He was devastated by the loss.

"People would just look at (the medal) and light up. And that's what it was about — sharing that joy and passing it on."
ROBERT ESMIE, MEDALLIST

"It shook my core. The medal belonged to everyone, to Canada, not just me," Esmie said yesterday.

The replacement medal Esmie received in October is just that — a replacement. Whereas the original had Esmie's name on it, the new one simply reads "replica" and has a different image than the one he received during the Atlanta Games.

He occasionally checks eBay in hopes the medal will turn up.

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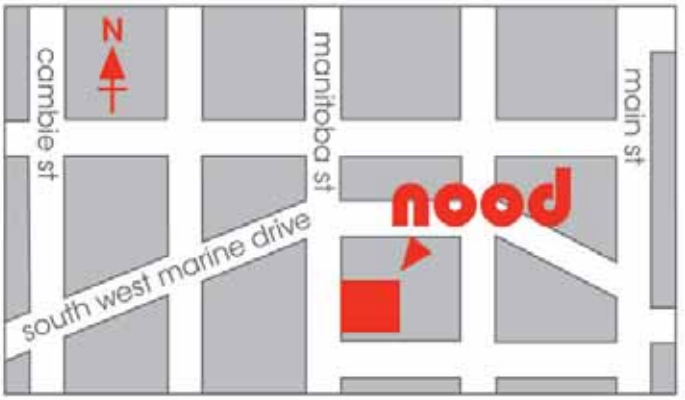

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Don't let couch potato culture take root in kids

Cut TV and computer use to two hours a day, new guidelines suggest ◗ Greatest risk is chronic disease

New sedentary behaviour guidelines take aim at the couch potato culture of many Canadian youngsters by suggesting limits for sitting idle and spending time glued to TV, computer and game screens.

The Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology's guidelines, unveiled yesterday, focus on minimizing behaviours that involve little physical movement and the low expenditure of energy.

The group recommends children and youth aged five to 17 limit recreational screen time — including watching TV, playing passive video games and using the computer — to no more than two hours daily.

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Children and youth are advised to get at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity daily. Today, only seven per cent of youngsters are active enough to meet those targets.

The guidelines suggest youngsters scale back on time spent indoors and sitting for extended periods. They also recommend limiting use of sedentary transport, like travelling by bus or car.

Instead, kids ages five to 11 are encouraged to walk to school with a group of neighbourhood children; for youth 12 to 17, it's recommended they walk or bike with friends. Instead of teens texting their friends, it's suggested they visit with them instead.

CSEP says kids are presently spending an average 8.6 hours a day — 62 per cent of their waking hours — being sedentary. Chronic disease risk is elevated if individuals are highly sedentary, so even an hour of recommended activity for kids isn't full protection if they're sedentary for the remainder of the day. THE CANADIAN PRESS

BERLUSCONI SCANDAL

ITALIAN PM WILL FACE UNDERAGE SEX TRIAL

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN ROME

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi has been ordered to stand trial for underage prostitution and extortion. The first hearing is scheduled for April 6 in Milan.

The court will consist of three female judges.

Berlusconi is accused of having paid for sex with Moroccan dancer Karima (Ruby) El Mahroug while she was underage, and to have put pressure on police to release the girl when she was held on charges of theft.

For underage prostitution, he faces the prospect of six months to three years in jail, while extortion is punishable by four to 12 years in jail.

Opposition groups have asked him to resign.

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▶ A Moroccan named Ruby, above, and PM aide Nicole Minetti, who took Ruby into her custody.

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Feds back Globalive ownership

Industry minister to appeal court ruling against wireless provider

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Ottawa will appeal a court ruling that found wireless provider Globalive — operator of the Wind Mobile cellphone service — doesn't have enough Canadian ownership to operate in this country.

"We are convinced that Globalive is a Canadian company and meets the Canadian ownership and control requirements under the Telecommunications Act," Industry Minister Tony Clement said yesterday. "Globalive should therefore be able to continue to offer service in the wireless telecommunications market."

Clement said the government's motive is to defend consumer choice and boost competition. Ensuring Globalive's survival is part of that strategy.

In court, the government plans to rely on legal arguments based on its interpretations that Globalive is Canadian enough because it is managed by Canadians and its board of directors and share structure meet the act's requirements.

A Federal Court ruling this month quashed Clement's 2009 decision to overrule a Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission assessment that Globalive, financed largely by Egypt-based Orascom, wasn't Canadian-owned and controlled.

Globalive's Wind Mobile service has more than 250,000 cellphone customers in Canada.

Clement said Ottawa has not rejected the idea of opening the entire industry to foreign investment, but added the government is not ready to outline its plans on relaxing or lifting foreign-ownership limits for the industry.

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N.Y. exchange in merger deal

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Watson is some machine.

Named after the founder of IBM, Watson is a super computer worthy of the title. Built from 10 racks of IBM servers, it has 15 terabytes of RAM and the processing power of 2,800 of the most powerful computers on the market.

Watson is a humdinger, all right. But even with all that firepower, so far it has only managed to tie a human contestant on Jeopardy! As I write, there are two nights left to go, and Watson better get game or it's going to lose to some guy named Brad.

Watson is a quantum leap ahead of the most famous IBM computer to date, Deep Blue, which humbled world chess champ Garry Kasparov in 1997.

But as impressive as Watson is, it still has trouble with trivia. During a dry run before its appearance on Jeopardy! it answered the question: "What do grasshoppers eat?" with "Kosher!" causing its programmers to choke on their pastrami sandwich and write another million lines of codes to correct the problem.

"Is it just me, or is this a massive amount of effort to create nothing more than a giant nerd?"

Is it just me, or is this a massive amount of effort to create nothing more than a giant nerd? A nerd that can answer most trivia questions in three to five seconds, but a nerd nonetheless. Consider the evidence. It plays chess. It competes on Jeopardy!, the exclusive domain of nerds.

If these IBM scientists had a life, maybe they could create a machine that does something useful: Pick stocks that only increase in value; remember where I left my car keys; or find a decent restaurant in Nanaimo.

Instead, it's really good at identifying the names of Beatles songs from their lyrics. Big deal. I already know how to do that.

According to some experts, Watson's ability to answer questions will revolutionize call centres. Great. Instead of getting some bozo from South Carolina, we'll get some bozo from the cloud answering the question: "What's this $350 charge on my cellphone bill?" with "Would you like to speak to my supervisor?" and then hang up.

Our desire to create a machine that's smarter than we are is kind of pathetic. After all, we're limited by that fundamental law of computing: Garbage in, garbage out. We can only create a reflection of ourselves. Which explains why Watson is so easily confused. It's one of us.

Meanwhile, Watson and Brad conclude their epic battle tonight.

May the best nerd win.

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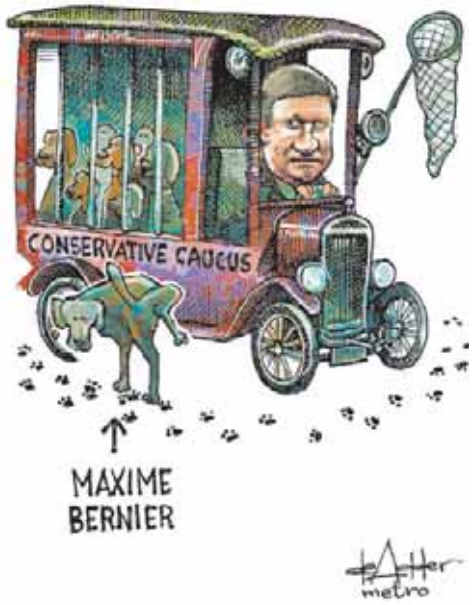
'Climate chaos' warning



Worth mentioning

Global warming is a looming threat to stability and national security around the world, and militaries should spend some of their ever-expanding budgets on reducing carbon emissions to avoid "climate chaos," the UN's top climate official said yesterday.

Christiana Figueres, head of the UN climate secretariat, warned of the destabilizing effects created by growing water stress, declining crop yields and damage from extreme storms in some of the world's poorest countries, which could set off mass international migration and regional conflicts.

Figueres said the world's military budgets grew by 50 per cent in the first nine years of this century. Rather than continue that growth in weaponry, she said, the generals should invest in preventative budgets to "avoid the climate chaos that would demand a defence response that makes even today's spending burden look light."

Scientists and defence think-tanks have warned for years of the heightened military risks created by global warming. In 2007, the UN panel of climate scientists said hundreds of millions of Africans will face persistent drought and food insecurity over the next decades that could prompt many to abandon ancestral homes.

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Michael Fassbender magnetizes as Magneto

New Magneto hopeful X-Men fans will be happy with this installment

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▶ Michael Fassbender suits up as young Magneto in the new X-Men movie.

Michael Fassbender's fame has had a slow-build over the last few years — appearing in 300 and Inglorious Bastards in addition to a few artsy, well-respected movies.

But his notoriety is about to go through the roof with this coming summer's release of the X-men prequel, X-Men: First Class, in which he plays Erik Lensherr, i.e. the evil Magneto, as a young man.

Metro found Fassbender on the set of his next film, Jane Eyre.

How much will this X-Men go into your character Magneto's past?
You will see a little bit of that, yeah, at the beginning, but I thought what was interesting was what happened to him after the war — he gets that young gypsy girl out of the concentration camp that he falls in love with. They take off together and have a baby and the mob ends up going crazy and burning down the house and the child dies in the blaze. Magneto goes ape s— and kills everybody. She's freaked out and leaves him. So by the time we get to him in the movie, he's a bit of a loner, really.

Performing opposite James McAvoy who plays Professor X — who your character is close friends with before you become mortal enemies — must've been an attractive component to doing this film.
Definitely a big draw for me. At signing up, I only knew that James was attached to be in the film so I thought, OK, he's an intelligent guy and he'll bring something to it.

Can you talk a little bit about the changes we see Magneto go through in the film?
It's kind of like Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X — Charles [Professor X] being Martin Luther and Erik [Magneto] being Malcolm X — these two ideals, two intelligent guys but with different methods of achieving what they want.

Erik doesn't trust humans and thinks they need to be wiped away and I can kind of see his point. It's like Homo Sapiens, Neanderthals, or what have you It's like it's the next stage of evolution. And humans have made a bit of balls of it. We have, haven't we?

How was working with the special effects?
Ah that's John Dykstra — he's the guy who did the original Star Wars and s—. There's something for the fanatics out there. He's an amazing guy. But how do I feel about acting with a tennis ball? That didn't bother me so much. It's like saying in theatre that it's supposed to be cold and you see a town off in the distance — it's kind of the same thing.

How do you feel about the fact that after this movie comes out, you won't be able to walk down the street in peace.
It's going to be an interesting thing. There are so many X-Men fans out there. Hopefully, they're going to be happy. They didn't seem to be happy with the last two installments so hopefully this will please them again.

Brooding Roles

While promoting Cary Fukunaga's interpretation of the Charlotte Bronte classic Jane Eyre — Fassbender plays the smoldering Mr. Rochester — we got the Irish-German actor to spill a few details about the highly anticipated X-Men film.

▶ **Be on the look out** for our second piece with Fassbender about his role in Jane Eyre opposite Mia Wasikowska, which will be released on March 11th.

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Scene in brief

Christina Aguilera and her husband have finalized their divorce.
Aguilera filed for divorce just days after she and Jordan Bratman announced they had separated.
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Prove they can be just as blunt as Cowell ◆ After 10 years, show still prompts plenty of passion

If the American Idol formula of past seasons holds true, the show's emotional temperature is about to skyrocket as Hollywood Week auditions begin airing today.

It's one thing for contestants to be rejected in the nationwide tryouts before the celebrity judges have lifted them out of the crowd. It's another when, hopes raised and dreams in hand, they travel to Los Angeles and discover their gold ticket is a one-way pass to rejection.

▶ Idol host Ryan Seacrest with this year's judges: Jennifer Lopez, Steven Tyler and Randy Jackson

The Hollywood Week auditions — which were taped recently in decidedly suburban Pasadena — whittled a field of 300-plus singers to 60 semifinalists. As contestants showed, the fervour to win American Idol still burns strong in the show's 10th year.

After one woman sang her heart out and was rejected, she begged the judges to reconsider. They refused. She left the stage and fell to her knees in the theatre aisle, weeping.

A camera followed closely to capture intimate footage of her despair, suitable for framing — or at least providing a few gripping on-air seconds as the Hollywood auditions air through this week and next Wednesday.

Former judge Simon Cowell can't be blamed for such meltdowns anymore. The reformulated panel of Jennifer Lopez, Steven Tyler and Randy Jackson proved they didn't need Cowell's scorched-earth policy to swiftly, and sometimes bluntly, cut the big field down to size.

"You took a good pop song and you beat it to death," Aerosmith frontman Tyler told four contestants who had joined for the group-performance segment at a Pasadena auditorium.

Lopez scolded a female foursome, saying, "We expected so much from you," before Tyler sent them all packing.

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Gaga's next move: HBO

▶ Lady Gaga

Lady Gaga is bringing her spectacle to HBO.

The network said Tuesday that it is taping two Lady Gaga shows in New York's Madison Square Garden later this month for a concert special.

The document of Gaga's Monster Ball tour will be televised on May 7, two weeks before the singer is releasing a new disc.

HBO says that Lady Gaga, who was carried into the Grammys Sunday in a giant egg, will put on some brand new moves for the special.

Gaga's latest album The Fame Monster won three Grammys earlier this week.

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Rapper Flavor Flav takes it back to school

Now that he's opened his first chicken restaurant in Iowa, rapper Flavor Flav would like to earn his high school diploma in the state and record his efforts for a new reality TV show.

Flav, whose real name is William Drayton Jr., grew up in Freeport, N.Y. He says he dropped out of school in 10th grade.

He opened Flav's Fried Chicken in Clinton, Iowa last month — his only connection to the Mississippi River town.

Last week the 51-year-old pitched his idea for Flavor Flav Goes Back to High School to the local school superintendent and a school board member. He says he'll approach the full board in a couple of weeks.

Flav was in '80s hip-hop group Public Enemy and has since found new fame on reality shows.

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Cyrus: Hannah Montana wrecked my family

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▶ Miley and Billy Ray Cyrus.

Billy Ray Cyrus says the Disney TV show Hannah Montana destroyed his family, causing his divorce and sending daughter Miley Cyrus spinning out of control.

In a December interview published in the Feb. 22 issue of GQ Magazine, Cyrus said he wished the show that launched his daughter to pop stardom had never happened.

"I hate to say it, but yes, I do. Yeah. I'd take it back in a second," Cyrus said. "For my family to be here and just be everybody OK, safe and sound and happy and normal, would have been fantastic. Heck, yeah. I'd erase it all in a second if I could."

Cyrus and his wife, Tish, filed for divorce in October.

Billy Ray Cyrus said when he asked about the rumoured video footage of his daughter smoking from a bong at her 18th birthday party in December, he was told "it was none of my business." He initially refused to attend the party, saying "it was wrong" to have it in a bar.

Cyrus, a native of Flatwoods, Ky., had his own success as a country and gospel singer beginning in the early 1990s with his huge hit "Achy Breaky Heart."

He told the magazine that he is scared for his daughter and compared her current path to those of other stars whose lives ended tragically, including Kurt Cobain, Anna Nicole Smith and Michael Jackson.

He said the Cyruses and their six children were all baptized before leaving Tennessee for Los Angeles to inure themselves against evil and he believes Satan is attacking his family.

"It's the way it is," Cyrus said. "There has always been a battle between good and evil. Always will be. You think, 'This is a chance to make family entertainment, bring families together...' and look what it's turned into."

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"All of a sudden you're labeled, you're a number," she tells Rachael Ray about being over 40. "All of a sudden it's like, 'Wow for your age, not so bad.'" Aniston admits the focus on being over 40 hurts "a little bit" because "all of a sudden they're making it sound like life is coming very shortly to an end," she says. "It's weird." METRO

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▶ Jennifer Aniston

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▶ Mila Kunis

Never again

She's turned heads in Hollywood for her portrayal of a free-spirited ballerina in Black Swan, Mila Kunis says she'll probably never dance again. "I trained for four months, seven days a week, five hours a day. I had one day off on my birthday. I lost 20 pounds. I tore a ligament. I dislocated my shoulder," Kunis tells W magazine. "And it was worth every minute. But I will never dance again." METRO

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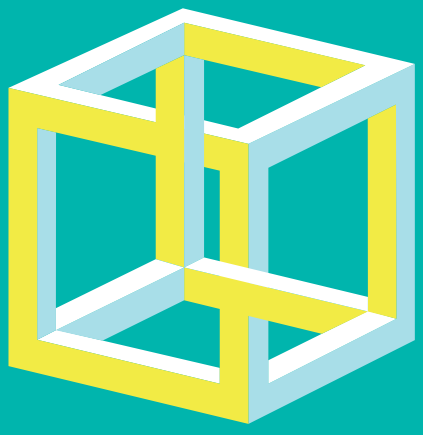

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New Orleans looks to return to its former glory with a later than normal Mardi Gras season Students are expected to descend on city and boost tourist numbers that have been down since Hurricane Katrina

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Mardi Gras in New Orleans

Alexa Von Staden and her fiancée had just one thought when it came to spring break this year: Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

"We figured it was now or never," said Von Staden, who recently completed her master's at the University of Florida. "Because Mardi Gras is so late this year that it matches up with spring break. Who knows when that will happen again?"

Mardi Gras is March 8. The next time it will be this late is in 2038, when it falls on March 9.

New Orleans tourism officials, who have begun an advertising campaign to attract younger visitors, believe the happy convergence will give them a boost over Mardi Gras 2010, which was the biggest since hurricane Katrina hit in 2005.

A study done for the New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau said the city was not getting its share of 18- to 34-year-old visitors, despite its reputation as a party town. New advertising campaigns are being geared to that demographic, said bureau spokeswoman Kelly Schulz.

"I was kind of surprised by it," Schulz said. "We are family friendly, but we also think people should see more of our night life."

The campaign, with the theme "New Orleans, you're different here," puts further emphasis on the city's food, music and night life.

At Mardi Gras, the party takes to the streets, packing the parade routes in many areas, and turning Bourbon Street into a raucous, X-rated celebration for the young and free-spirited.

"All I know is we'll be cleaning up a lot of beads and drink cups all Mardi Gras long."
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Certainly those in the hospitality business are expecting a nice bump, even above last Mardi Gras when the New Orleans Saints' Super Bowl victory was helping to draw people to the city.

"This year we are about 30 to 35 per cent ahead of the pace compared to last year and we had a very good year last year," said Gil Zanchi, general manager for the New Orleans Marriott and the five other Marriott hotels in the city.

Students looking for spring break adventures can't be credited for all the boost in room bookings, said Diana K. Schwam, who wrote the Frommer's New Orleans guide book.

"A lot of them stay with family or friends, or they crash 40 to a room, you remember those days," she said.

Mardi Gras has a lot of cachet for college students, but the later date will draw other celebrants as well, assuring visitors of good weather. And because it falls more than two months after Christmas, "people have paid off some of those bills and have more money to spend," Schwam said.

"I think New Orleans will get some spring breakers, certainly," said Bill Miller, a senior vice president of CheapOair. "But with the millions of kids who head out for that period, there won't be a substantial swing from Cancun," the Mexican beach resort that remains the No. 1 international destination for spring break.

College students who show up on Bourbon Street can look forward to round-the-clock partying, according to Earl Bernhardt, owner of five French Quarter bars, including one that sports the biggest balcony on Bourbon Street.

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Not sure what to do with sausage besides frying and serving it in a bun as a hot dog?
Emily Richards shows you how to rethink cooking sausage with two very creative, and easy to make, recipes

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This soup takes 15 minutes to prepare and 40 to cook.

Kale soup with a twist

This soup has a rich broth full of sausage, potatoes and greens that add fibre and a hearty taste that can be enjoyed after a long day in the cold.

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) extra virgin olive oil
- 1 lb (500 g) fresh chorizo, Italian, farmer's or chicken sausages
- 2 onions, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 each carrot and stalk celery, chopped
- 4 Yukon Gold potatoes, (about 1 1/2 lbs/750 g) peeled and chopped
- 1 small bunch kale, tough ribs removed
- Half bunch Swiss chard, trimmed
- 10 cups (2.5 L) low sodium beef stock

Preparation:

1. In soup pot, heat oil over medium high heat and brown sausages on all sides. Remove to cutting board and cut into slices and return to pot. Add onions, carrot, celery and garlic and cook, stirring for about 5 minutes or until softened. Add potatoes and stock. Bring to boil, cover and reduce heat and simmer for about 15 minutes or until potatoes are tender when pierced with fork.
2. Meanwhile, chop kale and Swiss chard to make about 12 cups (3 L) of lightly packed greens. Add to sausage mixture and simmer uncovered for about 15 minutes or until greens are tender.

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Where sausage & squash mingle in a tasty risotto

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With this risotto recipe, you can look for different types of sausages to vary up the flavour.

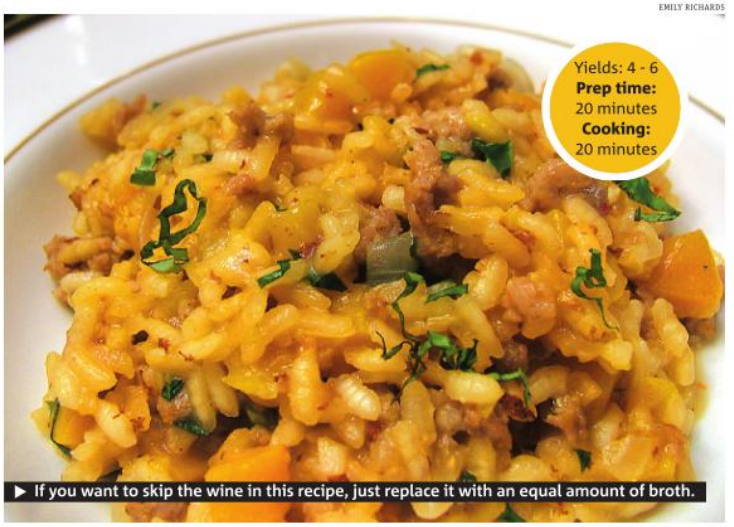
I used a mild Italian, but spicy will give you more kick and honey garlic will sweeten it up.

Ingredients:

- 3 fresh mild Italian sausages, about 8 oz/250 g
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 ½ cups (375 mL) Arborio rice
- 1 ½ cups (375 mL) diced squash or sweet potato
- ½ cup (125 mL) white wine
- 4 ½ cups (1.25 L) sodium reduced chicken broth
- 1 cup (250 mL) freshly grated parmesan cheese
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) chopped fresh basil

Preparation:

1. Remove casings from sausages and discard. Crumble sausage meat into large shallow saucepan and cook sausage, stirring constantly over medium high heat for about 5 minutes or until browned and no longer pink. Remove to bowl.
2. Add oil to saucepan and return to medium heat. Add onion and garlic and cook, stirring for about 3 minutes. Stir in rice to coat. Add squash and cook, stirring for 1 minute to coat well. Add wine and cook, stirring until wine evaporates.
3. Stir in 1 cup (250 mL) of the broth and cook, stirring until almost all of the liquid evaporates. Cook, stirring and adding more of the broth, about 1 cup (250 mL) at a time for about 20 minutes or until rice is tender but firm.
4. Return sausage to saucepan along with remaining broth and cook, stirring for 5 minutes or until sausage is heated. Stir in cheese and basil until melted and serve in shallow bowls.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Yields: 4 - 6
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cooking: 20 minutes

If you want to skip the wine in this recipe, just replace it with an equal amount of broth.

Cooking Tips

- You do not have to stir the risotto constantly, occasionally will do.
- Add your favourite flavours to risotto. Sautéed mushrooms, roasted red peppers, leftover cooked chicken, pork or seafood are great additions.

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Decide who to approach
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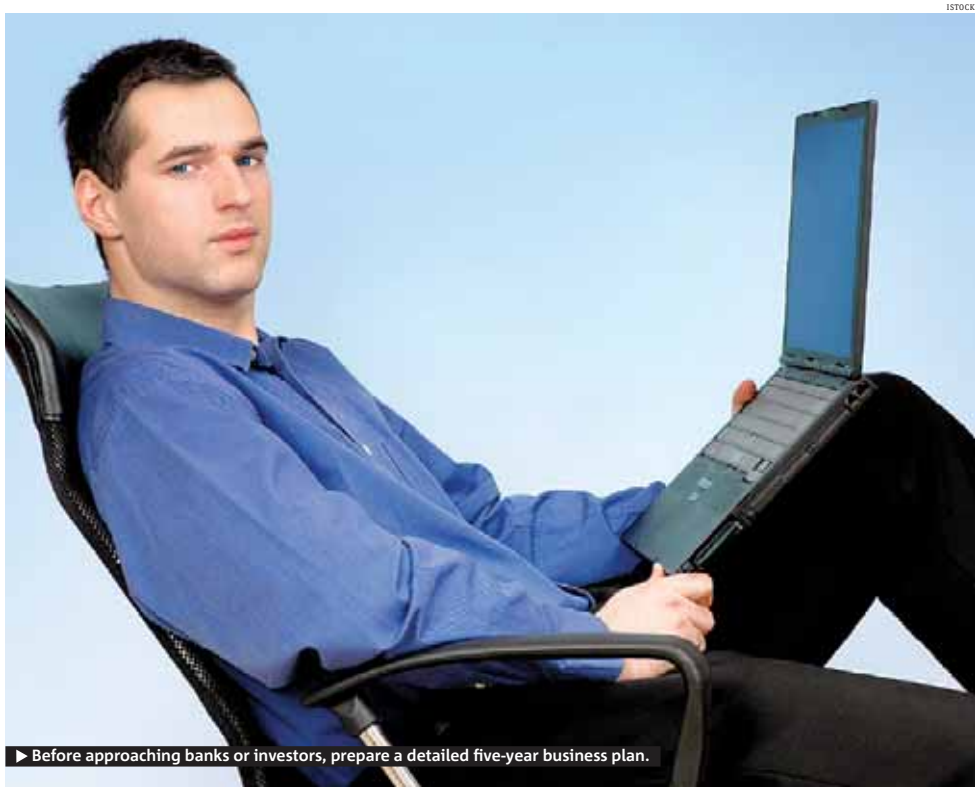

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JUMPING SHIP? CONSIDER THIS

Thinking of jumping ship to the competition? Or are you dreaming of developing a rival firm? You'd better think twice before taking your clients with you.

Having made the decision to jump to a competitor, Paul Brownlee thought he could solicit his old clients to join him. But his former employer, Phoenix Restorations Ltd., felt otherwise.

Brownlee had signed three employment contracts with Phoenix providing that, for two years after his departure, he would not compete with the company or solicit its clients.

Despite the contracts, once Brownlee left Phoenix he visited two of its major clients on behalf of his new employer in an effort to solicit them. After learning of this,

Phoenix applied for an interim court order seeking to prohibit Brownlee from working for a competitor and from soliciting Phoenix's customers.

In assessing whether to uphold a contract limiting post-employment competition, a court must first determine if that agreement is reasonable and fair.

According to the B.C. judge who recently heard this case, Phoenix's contracts with Brownlee were unenforceable. The contractual clauses limiting competition and solicitation were too broad and captured business that Phoenix did not compete for. In the court's view, placing such restraints on Brownlee was unfair.

This case demonstrates how far Canadian courts may go to overturn what is perceived to be an unfair limit on competition.

The key is often whether or not a contract will be upheld. Upon departing, employees should consider the following:

• Does your contract limit solicitation and/or competition? Such clauses are commonplace in today's employment contracts — and are increasingly being enforced.

• In addition to contractual obligations, all employees have implied duties of good faith and fidelity toward their employers, which prohibit taking confidential client information to use in competition against a former employer.

• Employees entrusted with control over the business or even key aspects of it may be viewed as fiduciaries who are required to act in the company's best interest long after their departure.

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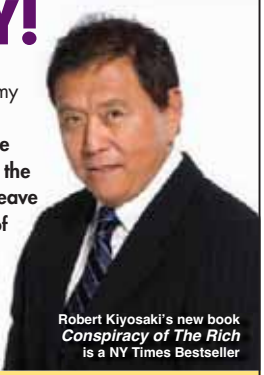

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Help your kids learn to read

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▶ Research suggests that children learn to read in different ways.

Researchers have identified several factors that help children develop reading skills But it's important that kids read things they enjoy

The foundation of language and literacy skills is laid during early childhood, so early learning is important to lifelong development.

Researchers have identified some of the most important factors that help children learn to read.

While there are some definite skills children need to develop, it is also vital that children read things they enjoy, and enjoy what they read.

• Phonemic awareness: Helps the child to hear, identify and manipulate individual sounds (or phonemes) into words (for example, /g/ = get and /u/ =too).

• Fluency instruction: Reading accurately and quickly can be assisted by modeling fluency (reading aloud to children), providing books at the child's level, repeated oral reading, increasing practice through audiotapes, tutors and peer guidance.

• Vocabulary: Ways to teach vocabulary to children include teaching specific words before reading, providing activities involving those words (mental images or acting out definitions), repeating vocabulary in different contexts and learning high-frequency words.

• Text comprehension: Strategies to help children understand what they are reading include reading comprehension questions, understanding the story structure (such as plot and setting), summarizing, reflecting on prior knowledge to make connections, and using graphic organizers (such as bubble charts) to organize thinking.

• Motivation: Children are motivated to read if they find the text interesting and have background knowledge on the topic. Young children are often drawn to illustrations, graphics and display features. Praise and recognition may also be motivating.

Research suggests that children learn to read in different ways. There is recent evidence that computer technology is an effective tool in teaching reading. An effective parent-teacher partnership can lead to better learning for children.

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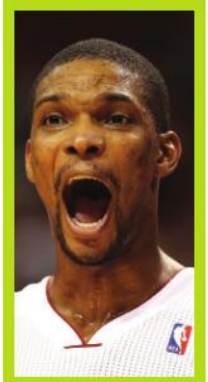

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Canucks finally win one in Minnesota

Banged up Canucks win in Saint Paul for first time in five tries

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Manny Malhotra had a goal and an assist while Cory Schneider stopped 27 shots as the Vancouver Canucks beat the Minnesota Wild 4-1 last night.

Jannik Hansen, Mikael Samuelsson and Ryan Kessler also scored to help the Canucks win despite registering just one shot on goal in the third period.

Fighting to stay in a crowded Western Conference playoff race, the Wild lost for only the third time in 12 games despite outshooting the Canucks 28-14.

Cal Clutterbuck scored for Minnesota, his fourth goal in three games.

The Canucks hold a comfortable lead in the West despite a rash of injuries to their defence. Andrew Alberts was the latest to go down when he broke his wrist in Monday's win over St. Louis.

Four Vancouver defencemen have been injured in the last week, which made Schneider's performance even more impressive.

Starter Roberto Luongo has failed to finish the last three games against the Wild, all lopsided losses. Schneider took his place and turned away flurries by the Wild to start the game and again early in the third.

The Wild did just about everything right besides figure out Schneider. John Madden was turned away on a partial breakaway midway through the third and Clutterbuck had a shot go off the crossbar in the second.

Minnesota goalie Niklas Backstrom lost for the third time in eight games.

Malhotra beat Backstrom in the first by deflecting Sami Salo's slapshot. The goal stood after a review to make sure Malhotra didn't score with a high-stick.

Hansen's backhand shot got past a sprawling Backstrom midway through the second and Samuelsson scored with 19 seconds remaining in the period.

Kessler's goal late in the third was into an empty net and was the Canucks' first shot on goal in the period.

Recording just one shot in the third is not ideal, but the Canucks will take any win they can get in Minnesota at this point. The Wild had outscored Vancouver 21-6 in the previous five games at the Xcel Energy Center.

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▶ Cory Schneider stops a shot by Minnesota's John Madden last night.

Opinion

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LITTLE PRAISE BEING SENT LUONGO'S WAY

Somehow Roberto Luongo is actually flying under the radar.

This is a guy who was picked fourth overall by the Islanders in 1997 and was expected to rival Martin Brodeur's greatness from Day 1. This is a guy who was traded to Florida where he played five playoff-less seasons, but maintained the same career projections throughout. This is a guy who has been a finalist for the Vezina Trophy twice and Hart Trophy once. This is a guy who was traded to Vancouver, named captain for a season and was supposed to put them over the top. This is a guy who was in net when Canada won gold on home soil in 2010.

Yet this is a guy who, at age 31, has yet to carry an NHL team anywhere and hasn't accomplished any of the great individual feats anticipated from him 14 years ago.

So how is Luongo — second in wins with 27, sixth in GAA with a 2.24 mark and fourth in save percentage at .926 — flying under the radar this season?

Vancouver's rise from pretty good team to serious contender has coincided more with Henrik and Daniel Sedin's emergence as MVP calibre players, Ryan Kesler coming together as an all-world, two-way threat, and the development of key players such as Alex Edler than with anything Luongo has done.

Since arriving on Canada's West Coast in 2006, Luongo's numbers have actually been fairly consistent, with the exception of last season when his GAA jumped and SP dropped. That was also the most successful regular season in Canucks history — go figure.

And when the Canucks reached the second round against the Chicago Blackhawks for the second year in a row, it was Luongo again being mostly blamed for the shortfall because of blowup games and the sense the Hawks — and especially Dustin Byfuglien — had got in his head. And while his numbers in the past two post-seasons haven't been great, everyone seems to forget the 1.77 GAA and .941 SP he posted in the 2006-07 playoffs when the team was less developed.

Despite his stellar play, Luongo's record was only 5-7.

Now that everything seems to be coming together in Vancouver — with magnificent players directing the top two lines, key depth additions making waves on the third and fourth lines, and the defence pairing off better than ever — Luongo has become the forgotten man. He's having the best season of a career that was supposed to be — and, for the most part, is — at least among the all-time greatest.

If the season ended today, Luongo would have to be in the running for the Vezina Trophy. He may not win because of Tim Thomas's out-of-this-world performance, but that can't take away from the year "Lou" is enjoying.

Maybe that's what he needed. He's been the talk of the town every year because of the expectations that were handed to him as an 18-year-old. Perhaps for him to achieve greatness he needed someone to take on at least part of the spotlight in his place.

Whatever the case, Luongo is having the most fantastic season no one is talking about in the NHL. But if he falters in the post-season with a bad game or two and the Canucks don't at least come out of the West, suddenly all eyes will be back on goalie.

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Toronto	57	24	27	3	3	148	177	54	13-11-3-2	11-16-0-1	5-4-1-0	W1
NY Islanders	57	21	29	3	4	155	189	49	10-13-1-3	11-16-2-1	6-4-0-0	W4
New Jersey	56	22	30	3	1	120	158	48	12-13-2-1	10-17-0-1	8-1-1-0	W4
Ottawa	57	18	30	5	4	129	190	45	9-15-2-3	9-15-3-1	1-7-1-1	L1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	58	37	12	4	5	196	137	83	20-4-1-4	17-8-3-1	8-2-0-0	W1
d-Detroit	56	34	16	4	2	187	163	74	17-8-3-1	17-8-1-1	6-4-0-0	W2
d-Phoenix	58	30	19	6	3	165	162	69	14-10-3-2	16-9-3-1	6-4-0-0	W5
Anaheim	57	32	21	2	2	159	157	68	17-8-0-1	15-13-2-1	8-2-0-0	W4
Dallas	57	31	20	2	4	160	162	68	17-8-2-3	14-12-0-1	2-7-1-0	L2
Nashville	57	30	19	5	3	151	135	68	13-5-4-3	17-14-1-0	4-4-1-1	L1
San Jose	58	31	21	4	2	160	152	68	13-10-2-1	18-11-2-1	7-2-0-1	W1
Calgary	59	29	22	3	5	177	173	66	16-9-1-2	13-13-2-3	7-1-1-1	W1
Los Angeles	56	31	22	2	1	156	132	65	17-9-1-0	14-13-1-1	7-1-1-1	W2
Minnesota	56	30	21	1	4	147	149	65	14-12-0-2	16-9-1-2	7-3-0-0	L1
Chicago	56	28	22	2	4	177	158	62	16-13-0-0	12-9-3-3	4-4-1-1	L2
Columbus	56	28	23	3	2	152	168	61	14-13-0-1	14-10-3-1	7-3-0-0	W2
St. Louis	55	25	21	4	5	148	164	59	17-8-1-3	8-13-3-2	3-4-2-1	W1
Colorado	57	25	26	6	0	171	195	56	14-14-3-0	11-12-3-0	1-9-0-0	L8
Edmonton	57	17	32	1	7	141	194	42	8-17-1-3	9-15-1-3	3-7-0-0	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Edmonton 4 Dallas 1
Toronto 4 Boston 3
Vancouver 4 Minnesota 1
Buffalo 3 Montreal 2 (SO)
N.Y. Islanders 4 Ottawa 3 (SO)
Philadelphia 4 Tampa Bay 3 (SO)
San Jose 2 Nashville 1 (OT)

Monday's results
Calgary 9 Colorado 1
St. Louis 3 Vancouver 2
Phoenix 3 Washington 2

Tonight's games
Toronto at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Carolina at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Washington at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

MAPLE LEAFS 4, BRUINS 3

First Period
1. Boston, Paille 2 (Stuart, Campbell) 8:04
2. Toronto, Kessel 20 (Phaneuf, Lupul) 17:22 (pp)

Penalties — Krejci Bos (hooking) 15:18, Chara Bos (boarding) 17:17.

Second Period
3. Toronto, Grabovski 23 (Komisarek, Gunnarsson) 4:35
4. Boston, Campbell 8 (Marchand, Ryder) 18:34 (pp)

Penalties — Phaneuf Tor (slashing) 8:37, Aulie Tor (interference) 12:26, Grabovski Tor (high-sticking) 16:44.

Third Period
5. Boston, Bergeron 20 (McQuaid, Recchi) 9:08
6. Toronto, Kessel 21 (Lupul, Kaberle) 13:27 (pp)
7. Toronto, Grabovski 24 (MacArthur, Phaneuf) 18:59

Penalties — Seidenberg Bos (cross-checking) 13:09, Aulie Tor (hooking) 14:14.

Shots

Toronto	12	7	9—28
Boston	14	11	10—35

Goal — Toronto: Reimer (W,7-4-1); Boston: Thomas (L,26-8-6).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Toronto: 2-3; Boston: 1-4.
Referees — Chris Rooney, Wes McCauley.
Linesmen — Michel Cormier, Pierre Champoux.
Attendance — 17,565 (17,565).

OILERS 4, STARS 1

First Period
1. Edmonton, Eberle 12 (Gagner, Vandermeer) 18:02

Penalty — Daley Dal (hooking) 15:58.

Second Period
2. Edmonton, Chorney 1 (Horcoff, Gilbert) 7:40 (pp)
3. Dallas, Eriksson 19 (Williams, Lehtonen) 16:31 (pp)
4. Edmonton, Horcoff 8 (Hemsky, Chorney) 18:10 (pp)

Penalties — Fistric Dal (hooking) 7:18, Dallas bench (too many men; served by Gagnon) 9:51, Horcoff Edm (tripping) 15:50, Wandell Dal (tripping) 16:41.

Third Period
5. Edmonton, Hemsky 10 (Horcoff, Gilbert) 0:28

Penalties — Jacques Edm (interference) 5:38, Eberle Edm (holding) 13:52, Fistric Dal (cross-checking) 17:25, Neal Dal (slashing) 19:45.

Shots

Dallas	7	9	9—25
Edmonton	11	12	7—30

Goal — Dallas: Lehtonen (L,23-16-6); Edmonton: Khabibulin (W,9-25-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Dallas: 1-3; Edmonton: 2-6.
Referees — Stephane Auger, Bill McCreary.
Linesmen — Steve Miller, Thor Nelson.
Att. — 16,839 (16,839) at Edmonton.

SABRES 3, CANADIENS 2 (SO)

First Period
1. Montreal, Pacioretty 10 (Plekanec, Hamrlik) 4:54 (pp)

Penalties — Myers Buf (cross-checking) 3:46, Pouliot Mtl (tripping) 19:37.

Second Period
2. Montreal, Pouliot 13 (Desharnais, Wisniewski) 6:28
3. Buffalo, Stafford 24 (Vanek, Connolly) 17:48 (pp)

Penalties — Hecht Buf (holding) 3:52, Weber Mtl (interference) 15:58.

Third Period
4. Buffalo, Pominville 13 (Hecht, Gerbe) 6:08

Penalties — Hecht Buf (high-sticking) 1:49, Weber Buf (tripping) 18:35.

Overtime
No Scoring.

Penalties — None.

Shootout
Buffalo wins 4-3
Buffalo (4) — Stafford miss; Vanek goal; Ennis goal; Pominville miss; Gerbe goal; Connolly miss; Myers miss; Byron miss; Leopold miss; Hecht goal.
Montreal (3) — Desharnais goal; Plekanec goal; Gionta miss; Pouliot miss; Pacioretty goal; Gomez miss; Subban miss; Kostitsyn miss; Pyatt miss; Wisniewski miss.

Shots

Buffalo	7	15	7 3—32
Montreal	18	8	5 3—34

Goal — Buffalo: Enroth (W,3-2-1). Montreal: Price (L,27-18-6). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Buffalo: 1-2, Montreal: 1-5.
Referees — Eric Furlatt, Stephen Walkom.
Linesmen — Steve Barton, Greg Devorski.
Att. — 21,273 at Montreal.

ISLANDERS 4, SENATORS 3 (SO)

Firs Period
1. Ottawa, Butler 2 (Michalek, Spezza) 17:55 (pp)

Penalties — Smith Ott (holding) 2:54, Smith Ott (goaltender interference) 6:02, Hillen NYI (slashing) 11:07, Wishart NYI (cross-checking) 17:48, Karlsson (playing with broken stick) 18:54.

Second Period
2. N.Y. Islanders, Comeau 15 (Wishart, Joensuu) 8:07
3. Ottawa, Shannon 5 (Butler, Michalek) 12:57 (pp)

Penalties — Okposo NYI (tripping) 2:07, Wishart NYI (tripping) 11:14, Neil Ott (goaltender interference) 17:15.

Third Period
4. N.Y. Islanders, Grabner 25, 2:48 (sh)
5. N.Y. Islanders, Bailey 7 (Grabner, Okposo) 6:39
6. Ottawa, Karlsson 9 (Condra, Smith) 15:56

Penalty — Jurcina NYI (cross-checking) 2:07.

Overtime
No Scoring.

Penalties — None.

Shootout
(New York wins 2-1)
Islanders (2) — Schremp, goal; Nielsen, goal.
Senators (1) — Kovalev, goal; Spezza, miss; Butler, miss.

Shots

N.Y. Islanders	11	8	6 2—27
Ottawa	13	12	5 2—32

Goal — N.Y. Islanders: Lawson (W,1-3-1); Ottawa: Elliott (L,13-19-8). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — N.Y. Islanders: 0-4; Ottawa: 2-5.
Referees — Marc Joannette, Frederick L'Ecuyer. **Linesmen** — Derek Nansen, Mark Shewchyk.
Att. — 17,565 (19,153) at Ottawa.

SOCCER

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Man United	26	16	9	1	57	25	57
Arsenal	26	16	5	5	56	27	53
Man City	27	14	7	6	43	24	49
Tottenham	26	13	8	5	37	28	47
Chelsea	26	13	6	7	46	22	45
Liverpool	27	11	6	10	35	32	39
Sunderland	27	9	10	8	33	33	37
Bolton	27	9	9	9	38	37	36
Newcastle	27	9	8	10	42	38	35
Stoke	26	10	3	13	31	33	33
Blackburn	27	9	5	13	34	42	32
Fulham	27	6	13	8	28	28	31
Everton	26	6	12	8	33	36	30
Birmingham	26	6	12	8	25	35	30
Aston Villa	27	7	9	11	31	46	30
Blackpool	26	8	5	13	39	50	29
West Brom	26	7	6	13	34	51	27
Wigan	27	5	12	10	27	45	27
West Ham	27	5	10	12	30	48	25
Wolverhampton	26	7	3	16	26	45	24

Yesterday's results
Birmingham 0 Newcastle 2

EUROPA LEAGUE

SECOND ROUND

FIRST LEG
Aris (Greece) 0 Manchester City (England) 0

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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

First Leg

Yesterday's results
AC Milan (Italy) 0 Tottenham (England) 1
Valencia (Spain) 1 Schalke (Germany) 1

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

LEAGUE OFFICE — Suspended Boston minor league RHP William Abreu (Dominican Summer League) and free agent minor league RHP Joseph Carpabire 50 games each for testing positive for each tested positive for performance-enhancing substances.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BOSTON RED SOX—Traded RHP Robert Coello to the Chicago Cubs for 2B Tony Thomas.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Named Eduardo Perez and Jason Bere special assistants to baseball operations.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Announced RHP Brian Schlitter was claimed off waivers by Philadelphia.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Agreed to terms with INF Kelly Johnson on a one-year contract.

NFL

BALTIMORE RAVENS—Designated DT Haloti Ngata as the franchise player.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Named Jim Zorn quarterbacks coach.
NEW YORK JETS—Desinated LB David Harris as the franchise player.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Designated QB Michael Vick as the franchise player and PK David Akers as the transition player.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Designated WR Vincent Jackson as the franchise player.
TENNESSEE TITANS—Named Chris Palmer offensive coordinator.

CFL

B.C. LIONS—Signed DL Brent Johnson to a contract extension through the 2012 season.
CALGARY STAMPEDERS—Re-signed WR Romby Bryant. HOCKEY

NHL

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Signed D Dustin Byfuglien to a contract extension through the 2015-16 season. Recalled D Paul Postma from Chicago (AHL).
CAROLINA HURRICANES—Recalled D Brett Carson from Charlotte (AHL).
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Recalled D Nick Leddy from Rockford (AHL).
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Assigned D John Moore to Springfield (AHL).
DALLAS STARS—Recalled F Toby Petersen from Texas (AHL) and activated him from injured reserve. Assigned F Francis Wathier to Texas. Recalled D Trevor Ludwig from Texas.
DETROIT RED WINGS—Assigned RW Jan Mursak to Grand Rapids (AHL).
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled D Brendon Nash from Hamilton (AHL).
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Placed G Martin Brodeur on the injured reserve list, retroactive to Feb. 6.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled F Erik Condra from Binghamton (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled D Mike Vernace from Norfolk (AHL).
VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Recalled D Yann Sauve from Manitoba (AHL).

LACROSSE

NLL

WEEK SEVEN

Friday's games
Rochester at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Washington, 11 p.m.

Saturday's games
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Rochester, 7:35 p.m.
Boston at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 20
Calgary at Edmonton, 4 p.m.
Minnesota at Colorado, 8 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP OPEN 13

At MARSEILLE, France
Singles — First Round
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (6), France, def. Benoit Pare, France, 6-1, 6-2.
Michael Llodra (8), France, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.
Andreas Seppi, Italy, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (2).
Tobias Kamke, Germany, def. Thomas Schoorel, Netherlands, 6-0, 6-2.
Nicolas Mahut, France, def. Andrey Kumantsov, Russia, 6-2, 6-0.
Marin Cilic, Croaita, def. Stephane Bohli, Switzerland, 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-2.

WTA DUBAI DUTY FREE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Singles — First Round
Shahar Peer (9), Israel, def. Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, Spain, 6-4, 6-1.
Flavia Pennetta (11), Italy, def. Jelena Dokic, Australia, 6-2, 6-2.
Kaia Kanepi (12), Estonia, def. Vera Dushevina, Russia, 6-1, 6-2.
Ayumi Morita, Japan, def. Petra Kvitova (13), Czech Republic, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (3).
Patty Schnyder, Switzerland, def. Ana Ivanovic (14), Serbia, 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-2.
Sara Errani, Italy, def. Zuzana Kucova, Slovakia, 6-1, 6-4.
Roberta Vinci, Italy, def. Elena Vesnina, Russia, 6-4, 6-3.
Anna Chakvetadze, Russia, def. Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, 6-1, 6-3.
Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, def. Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-2.
Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, def. Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, 7-5, 6-3.
Jie Zheng, China, def. Kristina Barrios, Germany, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.
Peng Shuai, China, def. Bethanie Mattek-Sands, U.S., 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.
Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, 7-5, 3-6, 6-2.
Jarmila Groth, Australia def. Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia 7-6 (5), 6-2.
Andrea Petkovic, Germany, def. Angelique Kerber, Germany, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.
Sania Mirza, India, def. Akgul Amanmuradova, Uzbekistan, 6-3, 6-1.

WTA COPA BBVA COLSANITAS

At BOGOTA, Colombia
Singles — First Round
Julia Goerges (1), Germany, def. Olivia Sanchez, France, 7-6 (5), 2-6, 7-5.
Polona Hercog (2), Slovenia, def. Pauline Parmentier, France, 6-7 (2), 7-6 (10), 6-2.
Carla Suarez Navarro (5), Spain, def. Masa Zec Peskiric, Slovenia, 6-3, 6-2.
Nina Bratchikova, Russia, def. Edina Gallovits-Hall (6), Romania, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.
Lourdes Dominguez Lino (7), Spain, def. Mandy Minella, Luxembourg, 6-1, 6-4.
Sharon Fichman, Toronto, def. Leticia Costas-Moreira, Spain, 6-1, 6-2.
Petra Martic, Croatia, def. Zuzana Ondraskova, Czech Republic, 7-5, 6-1.
Han Xinyun, China, def. Mariana Duque Marino, Colombia, 6-1, 3-6, 6-1.
Laura Pous-Tio, Spain, def. Silvia Soler Espinosa, Spain, 6-1, 7-5.
Eva Birnerova, Czech Republic, def. Bianca Botto, Peru, 6-1, 0-1, retired.
Corinna Dentoni, Italy, def. Petra Cetkovska, Czech Republic, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.
Beatriz Garcia Vidagany, Spain, leads Arantxa Parra Santonja (4), Spain, 5-7, 6-3, 2-1, susp., rain.

ATP RMK CHAMPIONSHIPS & THE WTA CELLULAR SOUTH CUP

At MEMPHIS, Tenn.
Men
Singles — First Round
Mardy Fish (4), U.S., def. Teymuraz Gabashvili, Russia, 6-1, 7-5.
Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, def. Ryan Sweeting, U.S., 6-0, 7-6 (7).
Adrian Mannarino, France, def. Jan Hajek, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-2.
James Blake, United States, def. Ricardo Mello, Brazil, 6-4, 6-3.
Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, def. Benjamin Becker, Germany, 6-4, 6-2.
Ivan Dodig, Croatia, def. Rainer Schuettler, Germany, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Brian Dabul, Argentina, def. Michal Przysiezny, Poland, 7-5, 6-4.
Michael Russell, U.S., def. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, 6-1, 7-6 (1).
Women
Second Round
Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, def. Anne Keothavong, Britain, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.
Ksenia Pervak, Russia, def. Renata Voracova (7), Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-1.
Alexa Glatch, United States, def. Michaella Krajicek, Netheralnds, 7-6 (2), 3-6, 6-3.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	39	14	.736	—
d-Miami	40	15	.727	—
d-Chicago	37	16	.698	2
Atlanta	34	20	.630	5½
Orlando	35	21	.625	5½
New York	27	26	.509	12
Philadelphia	26	29	.473	14
Indiana	24	29	.453	15
Charlotte	24	32	.429	16½
Milwaukee	21	33	.389	18½
Detroit	20	36	.357	20½
New Jersey	17	39	.304	23½
Washington	15	38	.283	24
Toronto	15	40	.273	25
Cleveland	9	46	.164	31

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	46	9	.836	—
Dallas	38	16	.704	7½
d-L.A. Lakers	38	18	.679	8½
d-Oklahoma City	35	19	.648	10½
New Orleans	33	24	.579	14
Portland	31	24	.564	15
Denver	31	25	.554	15½
Utah	31	25	.554	15½
Memphis	31	26	.544	16
Phoenix	27	26	.509	18
Houston	26	30	.464	20½
Golden State	25	29	.463	20½
L.A. Clippers	20	35	.364	26
Sacramento	13	39	.250	31½
Minnesota	13	42	.236	33

d – division leader

Last night's results
Miami 110 Indiana 103
Chicago 106 Charlotte 94
Memphis 102 Philadelphia 91
Oklahoma City 126 Sacramento 96
Phoenix 102 Utah 101
Golden State 102 New Orleans 89

Monday's results
Charlotte 109 L.A. Lakers 89
San Antonio 102 New Jersey 85
Atlanta 94 Detroit 79
Milwaukee 102 L.A. Clippers 78
Portland 95 Minnesota 81
Houston 121 Denver 102

Tonight's games
Washington at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Miami at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at New York, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 9 p.m.
Denver at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
New Orleans at Portland, 10 p.m.

LEADERS

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	49	473	391	1427	29.1
Stoudemire, NYK	52	513	326	1361	26.2
James, MIA	52	470	351	1358	26.1
Bryant, LAL	56	503	336	1415	25.3
Ellis, GOL	53	501	250	1338	25.2
Wade, MIA	50	440	328	1251	25.0
Anthony, DEN	49	421	338	1221	24.9
Rose, CHI	51	458	261	1258	24.7
Gordon, LAC	41	333	242	988	24.1
Martin, HOU	54	361	413	1254	23.2
Griffin, LAC	55	476	288	1247	22.7
Howard, ORL	54	433	357	1223	22.6
Nowitzki, DAL	45	369	236	1019	22.6
Westbrook, OKC	53	401	369	1190	22.5
Aldridge, POR	55	479	255	1216	22.1
Bargnani, TOR	49	400	203	1059	21.6
Williams, UTA	51	362	289	1100	21.6
Love, MIN	55	381	325	1161	21.1
Granger, IND	51	364	238	1075	21.1
Randolph, MEM	51	411	198	1025	20.1
Gay, MEM	53	404	193	1058	20.0
Beasley, MIN	47	375	144	934	19.9
Lopez, NJN	56	405	278	1088	19.4
Scola, HOU	56	444	179	1067	19.1

Not including last night's games

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Engine

Visually, the G25's appearance is virtually identical to that of the G37, and that's a good thing. But where they part company, of course, is the powertrain. The G37 has a 328-horsepower 3.7-litre V6, while the G25 makes do with a 218-horsepower 2.5-litre V6.

Given the fact that the G25 has 30 per cent less power than the G37 and is only slightly lighter, a more modest rate of acceleration is definitely in the cards.

Entry-premium

The G-series, with its rear- and all-wheel-drive architecture, was originally created to challenge the likes of BMW's 3 series, the Audi A4 and the Mercedes-Benz C-class sedans.

Since its 2003-model-year launch, the highly regarded "G" has helped establish Infiniti as a serious rival in the entry-premium category.

Speaking performance

The subtly flared fenders that contain the G25's standard 17-inch alloy wheels offer some clue that this sedan speaks the language of performance.

One advantage of not downsizing to create an entry model is that you get a roomy, comfortable car to drive with plenty of luxury-grade amenities.

In case you are concerned that the G25 is a seriously decontented ride, it arrives with standard leather-covered seats, climate control, aluminum trim, remote keyless start and a six-speaker audio system with satellite radio capability.

▶ When the G-series sedan launched, it was rated at 260 horsepower. As that level climbed to the current 328 horses, the door was left wide open for a new, less-expensive, base model with a smaller engine. Enter the 2.5-litre G25.

Portal to privilege-class driving

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Just about every luxury automaker is downsizing to stay relevant in a time when bottom line and fuel prices are high on shoppers' lists.

That means new small cars packed with features and smaller engines to keep governments and socially conscious buyers happy.

Infiniti is doing something radically different ... by keeping things the same ... sort of.

By adding a new G25 with a smaller engine and smaller loan payment than the G37, Infiniti doesn't really need to go back to the drawing board for a new small design.

Some might argue that dropping the price by about $4,000 and cutting out 110 horsepower reduces some of the car's cachet.

After all, with a $38,300 base price, which includes destination charges, the G25 is about $3,000 less than the top-of-the-line V6-powered Maxima sedan that's sold by Infiniti's Nissan parent.

However, the Japan-based automaker is clearly more interested in spreading the G-series gospel to a wider audience of potential customers than worrying about any possible erosion or crossover in Maxima sales.

Infiniti is obviously banking on a brace of buyers seeking the look and feel of a luxury sedan, but who are willing to sacrifice a degree of performance to save big bucks when signing on the dotted line. If that seems like a fair trade-off, then the G25 might just be your portal to privilege-class driving.

$350

A seven-speed automatic transmission will keep the G25's 2.5-litre V6 in its ideal rev range, which improves acceleration and fuel economy. The difference between the G25 and G37 is about $350 per year, if comparing fuel ratings.

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▶ 2008 Hyundai Tucson

The Hyundai Tucson built its reputation on value-priced flexibility, capability and sensibility.

Available to Canadian shoppers from 2005 to 2009, the last generation of this machine competed with the likes of the Honda CR-V, Toyota RAV4 and Ford Escape.

It was available with two or four-wheel drive and four or six-cylinder power to fit a variety of needs and budgets. Affordable pricing was, arguably, key to this machine's success.

Four-wheel drive models came almost exclusively with the automatic transmission — though a rare four-cylinder, four-wheel drive model with manual transmission was available in 2006.

The six-cylinder engine generated 173 horsepower and came only with the automatic gearbox. The four-cylinder made do with 140 horsepower.

Look for features like leather seating, alloy wheels, tinted glass, a sunroof, stability control, remote entry and air conditioning.

Split-folding rear seats added flexibility, and a special anniversary edition was available in front-drive trim towards the end of Tucson's life, offering upgraded equipment including an in-dash navigation system and premium audio.

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The 4-1-1

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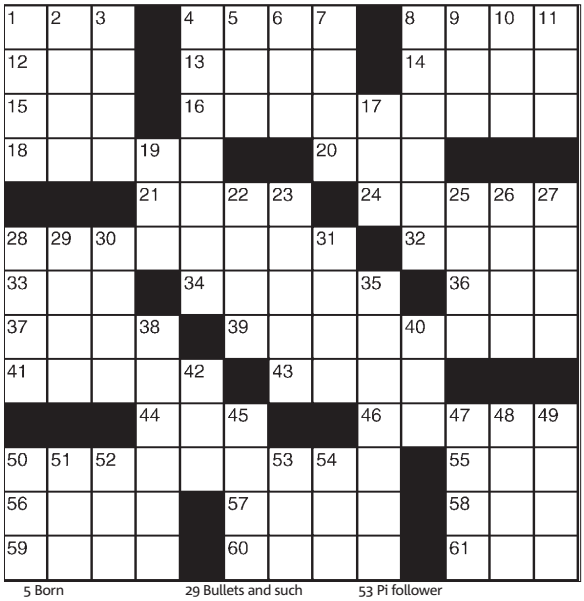

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1 "CSI" evidence
4 Destroy
8 Get ready, briefly
12 Charged bit
13 Spruced up
14 Tittle
15 Perched
16 "The Old Man and the Sea" writer
18 Khaki fabric
20 Plant fluid
21 Teatime
24 Bicycle part
28 "The Sound and the Fury" author
32 Infamous emperor
33 Mischievous tyke
34 "Oh, oh, oh, what a girl"
36 Help
37 Out of control
39 "Moby-Dick" author
41 Metric weight
43 Pint : quart :: — :fortnight
44 Mel of Cooperstown
46 Happen again
50 "The Scarlet Letter" author
55 Way back when
56 One
57 Cows and sows
58 Winter ailment
59 Nervous
60 Owl's call
61 Storm center

Down
1 Platter
2 Ark builder
3 Opposed to
4 Loosens, in a way
5 Born
6 Hoover, e.g.
7 Elevator name
8 Dirty "Peanuts" character
9 Tier
10 Greek vowel
11 Remuneration
17 Siesta
19 Gridiron grp.
22 "E Pluribus —"
23 Mend anew
25 Transaction
26 Seed covering
27 Prospector's strike
28 Decree
29 Bullets and such
30 "Once — a time ..."
31 Incense
35 Challenging peak
38 Seemingly unsolvable
40 Eisenhower
42 Biblical verb suffix
45 Comedy Central's Daniel
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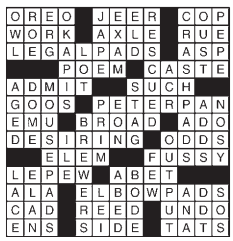
54 Ultramodernist

▶ Yesterday's answer



Sudoku

5			4	7	2			9
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	7	9	3			4		
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2		7	6		4		5	3
		2			1	8	6	
		3	7					
1			8	4	9			2

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

6	2	5	9	4	8	3	7	1
7	8	3	1	5	6	2	4	9
1	4	9	2	7	3	6	5	8
3	5	1	4	2	7	9	8	6
4	6	7	8	3	9	1	2	5
2	9	8	6	1	5	7	3	4
5	1	4	3	9	2	8	6	7
8	7	2	5	6	1	4	9	3
9	3	6	7	8	4	5	1	2

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 It may seem to some people as if you are losing the plot, but that's a way from the truth. The only thing you are likely to lose today is that vague feeling of guilt you've been dragging around.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Try not to appear eager today. Give others the impression that you don't care whether you succeed. With luck, it will leave them confused — and leave you with an opening.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 There is no point focusing on the past. What's done is done and cannot be undone, so the best thing to do is to set your sights on a particular goal and go after it with all your might.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 There is something that is bothering you deeply and others are beginning to pick up your anxiety. There is no need to worry: What you fear the most is not going to happen.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 If you try too hard to live up to other people's image of who you should be then, inevitably, you will end up exhausting yourself. Be who you are to the best of your abilities.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 If someone in a position of power asks you to do something you think is immoral or otherwise wrong, you must say no. Your career is important, but nowhere nearly as important as your self-respect.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Watch your back and resist the Libran temptation to give others the benefit of the doubt when they clearly don't deserve it. Someone, it seems, is plotting against you. Stay on your toes.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Something you've been working on for several months is beginning to cost you more than you can afford, so you may need to bring other people into the equation.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Your mind is in a bit of a whirl at the moment as you try to make sense of conflicting advice that is coming at you from a dozen different directions. The answer is: Follow your own instincts.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Do you hold out for a better offer or do you take what is on the table and be grateful for it? Only you can decide, but don't sell your talents short out of fear that you may end up with nothing at all.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Most of your problems are illusory and if you focus only on positive things, the bad will soon fade. Compared to most people, you've got it good. It's going to get even better.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 How do you deal with someone who refuses to see sense? You ignore him or her. The person is entitled to believe anything he or she chooses.

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